

**HOMELAND SECURITY CONTRACTS—  
CHALLENGES SMALL BUSINESSES FACE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled "Challenges that Small Businesses Face Accessing Homeland Security Contracts." Testimony was heard from Kevin Boshears, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Homeland Security; Michael Barrera, Associate Deputy Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—  
PHYSICIAN AND DENTIST COMPENSATION  
ISSUES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs physician and dentist compensation issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; Jacqueline Parthemore, M.D., Chief of Staff/Medical Director, San Diego Health Care System; Richard Bauer, M.D., Chief of Staff, South Texas Health Care System; Sheila M. Cullen, Medical Director, San Francisco Medical Center; Michael H. Ebert, M.D., Chief of Staff, Connecticut Health Care System; Michael M. Lawson, Director, Boston Health Care System; and Michael S. Simberkoff, M.D., Executive Chief of Staff, New York Harbor Health Care System; and public witnesses.

**MIDDLE EAST ISSUES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Middle East Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled "Funding for First Responders: Ensuring

That Federal Funds Are Distributed Intelligently." Testimony was heard from John G. Rowland, Governor, State of Connecticut; Ray A. Nelson, Executive Director, Office for Security Coordination, State of Kentucky; John D. Cohen, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Public Safety, State of Massachusetts; and a public witness.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 22, 2003**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism initiatives in the terror finance program and organization of terror groups for funding and future U.S. responses, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine federal involvement in the regulation of the insurance industry, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing on fisheries, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Anti-Semitism in Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Wayne Anderson, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

**House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.